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MINING AT CH'ANG-HSING COAL MINES TO BE RESUMED

The coal reserves of the Ch'ang-hsing coal mines in Chekiang, found in a 4,000-acre area, are estimated at about 17 million tons. The coal seams are the Lung-tan series of the Permian period and contain a considerable amount of sulfur.

In 1937 the first large-scale extraction of coal from this area was undertaken under the supervision of the Central Reconstruction Commission. The peak monthly output reached 30,000 tons. In August 1940, all mining installations, including the light railway to the water transport point, were destroyed to prevent their falling into Japanese hands.

In October 1948, reconstruction work on these mines was resumed by the National Resources Commission. A new shaft is now being opened to reach coal deposits located some 120 feet below the surface. Upon completion, daily output is expected to reach about 150 tons. Coal extracted from this area is suitable for use in heavy industry.

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